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UK HOMEPAGE

Osborne woos savers and the silver-haired

Chancellor announces changes as part of package to help savers and introduces limited tax cuts paid for by lower public spending

A deft blend of prudence and politics

How bad are the public finances?

VIDEO

Tencent - WeChat, they spend

Lex's Oliver Ralph and Joseph Cotterill discuss the fourth-quarter earnings of Tencent, China's biggest internet company, and examine the growing pressure on margins in from its instant messenger app WeChat.



US HOMEPAGE

Yellen rate-rise stumble dampens Asian markets

Asian markets open lower after Fed chairwoman's first FOMC meeting ends with officials forecasting rates of 1% by end of 2015, up from a consensus of 0.75% in December

Alibaba buys \$215m stake in chat app Tango

Australia finds 'objects' in hunt for MH370

EUROPE HOMEPAGE

UK urges end to reliance on Russian energy

British government proposes to ramp up energy imports from new sources such as the US and Iraq to reduce dependence on Russia over the next 25 years

Kerviel's €4.9bn repayment struck down

Fed rate forecasts undermine Treasuries

ASIA HOMEPAGE

Sinopec highlights paradox of China SOEs

Desire to raise capital without relinquishing control is under scrutiny as refiner and others seek to fill funding gaps

Discovery eyes China digital video market

Toyota to pay \$1.2bn over safety issues

WORLD NEWS

Pro-Russian forces take Crimea navy HQ

Kiev's defence minister and deputy prime minister refused entry after peninsula's pro-Russian PM said they would not be welcome

Prospect of sanctions hits City realpolitik

China to shift Beijing bureaucrats to Baoding

India's Common Man party oozes charisma

Ex-banker is Canada's new finance minister

COMPANIES NEWS

BP signals US return with gulf bids

UK oil group takes advantage of the lifting of a ban that prevented it from winning US government contracts

Starbucks seeks \$100bn market cap

Penguin buys Spanish-language publisher

Hitachi to make London its global rail HQ

Lynch accuses HP of smearing Autonomy

MARKETS

Fed's hawkish tone weighs on Asia equities

A hawkish tone from the US central bank – and comments from Janet Yellen – have pushed Asian currencies and equity markets lower

Riskier corporate loans make US comeback

Unilever issues £250m green bond

MasterCard and Visa's priceless business model

China financial distress all too visible

COMMENT

A Puritan pursuit of squeezed savers

Almost every announcement of political note was a pitch aimed at people who earn a wage and save some of it

Handouts paper over a bleak future

Osborne no longer controls his own fate

Bingo hour for honest folk

Tories should not expect poll dividend

MANAGEMENT

In search of outside insight

Industrial printer RR Donnelley is backing a start-up incubator to help reinvent its future

Top careers for the next 25 years

‘Creativity, Inc’ by Pixar’s Ed Catmull



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